

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1, 11, 15, 19 and 23 are independent.
Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Initially, it is requested that the Examiner initial the PTO SB/08 form that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement dated April 7, 2005. A duplicate copy of this form is submitted herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants, through their attorney, thank the Examiner for her telephonic interview on October 18, 2004. The following remarks reflect the substance of their discussion.

Claims 1-26 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. U.S. 2004/0018841 to (Trossen). Applicants traverse.

Among the limitations explicit in the independent claims in general, and Claim 1 in particular that are neither disclosed or suggested in the art of record is a requirement that the communication system enables "a mobile node residing in the first communication network to communicate via a gateway with a communication distant node." (Emphasis added). Claim 1 further expressly requires a "connection information control means for exchanging the connection information before handover and the connection information after handover between said mobile node and said gateway...." Independent claim 6, 11 and 15 contain similar limitations. Independent claims 19 and 23 expressly claim a gateway.

Trossen discloses sending application context information on the current state of the session before handover to facilitate re-establishment of the session on a

new access router. Trossen discloses that communications between a mobile node and a distant node pass through a first access router before handover, and that such communications pass through a potential next access router after handover. See Trossen, Fig. 2 and paragraph [0043]. Trossen does not disclose that communications between a mobile node and a communication distant node must pass through a gateway, as is explicitly recited in the independent claims of the present application. Trossen discloses two routers whereas the present invention requires communications to pass through a gateway. As is well known in the art, a router is not a gateway. Further, the claimed connection information control means recited in claim 1 is not taught by Trossen. Applicants respectfully request that a citation is provided to Trossen that expressly discloses these limitations; otherwise, Applicants respectfully submit that a *prima facie* case of anticipation has not been made. In the absence of any disclosure suggestion of these features of the invention, independent claims 1, 11, 15, 19 and 23 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22, and 24-26 depend from their respective independent claims and include all the limitations found therein, and are also allowable for at least the same reason stated in connection with the independent claims above. These claims include further limitations which, in combination with the limitations of the claims from which they depend, are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record.

In view of the above each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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